

Amendments to the Claims

1-3 (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The method of Claim [1] 10 further comprising: ~~the step of~~

disabling the audible alarm and activating the non-audible alarm for a fixed, pre-determined amount of time after the cell phone receives the directional RF signal.

5. (currently amended) The method of Claim 4 further comprising: ~~the step of~~ automatically reactivating the audible alarm and disabling the non-audible alarm after the fixed, pre-determined amount of time has elapsed.

6. (currently amended) The method of Claim [1] 10 further comprising: ~~the step of~~

activating a blinking light to notify the user of the incoming call when the non-audible control signal is received.

7. (currently amended) The method of Claim [1] 10 further comprising: ~~the step of~~

activating a vibration unit to notify the user of the incoming call when the non-audible control signal is received.

8. (currently amended) The method of Claim [1] 10 further comprising: ~~the step of~~

over-riding the non-audible control signal.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) ~~The method of Claim 1 further comprising~~ A method for automatically disabling an audible alarm in a cell phone, comprising:

transmitting ~~the~~ a non-audible control signal as [an] a directional RF signal[.];

determining whether the cell phone has received a non-audible control signal;

automatically disabling an audible alarm when the non-audible mode or control signal is received; and

automatically enabling a non-audible alarm to notify a user of an incoming call when the non-audible control signal is received.

11-13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim [11] 20 wherein the processor disables the audible alarm and activates the non-audible alarm for a fixed, pre-determined amount of time after receiving the directional RF signal.

15. (original) The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein the processor automatically reactivates the audible alarm and disables the non-audible alarm after the fixed, pre-determined amount of time has elapsed.

16. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim [11] 20 wherein the processor activates a blinking light to notify the user of the incoming call when the non-audible control signal is received.

17. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim [11] 20 wherein the processor activates a vibration unit to notify the user of the incoming call when the non-audible control signal is received.

18. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim [11] 20 further comprising an over-ride switch to over-ride the non-audible control signal.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 11 further comprising~~ An apparatus for automatically disabling an audible alarm in a cell phone, comprising:

a receiver for receiving a non-audible mode signal from an RF transmitter which broadcasts a directional non-audible mode signal;

a speaker coupled to the receiver which generates an audible sound to notify a user of an incoming call; and

a processor coupled to the speaker which automatically disables an audible alarm when the non-audible mode signal is received and which automatically enables a non-audible alarm to notify a user of any incoming calls when the non-audible mode signal is received.

21-22 (canceled)

23. (new) The method of Claim 10 wherein the directional RF signal comprises:
a signal for automatically disabling the audible alarm and activating the non-audible alarm when the cell phone receives the directional RF signal broadcasting a quiet mode of operation signal.

24. (new) The method of Claim 10 wherein the directional RF signal comprises:
a signal for automatically reactivating the audible alarm and disabling the non-audible alarm when the cell phone receives the directional RF signal broadcasting a normal mode of operation signal.

25. (new) The apparatus of Claim 20 wherein the processor automatically disables the audible alarm and activates the non-audible alarm when the cell phone receives the directional RF signal broadcasting a quiet mode of operation signal.

26. (new) The apparatus of Claim 20 wherein the processor automatically reactivates the audible alarm and disables the non-audible alarm when the cell phone receives the directional RF signal broadcasting a normal mode of operation signal.